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BAT MAN

With ROBIN THE BOY WONDER

I'M RIGHT BEHIND YOU, KITE-MAN!
BATMAN--USING MY CHINESE DRAGON-KITE!
FLYING KITES HAS ALWAYS BEEN A HARMLESS SPORT--BUT WHEN ONE RESOURCEFUL ROGUE UTILIZES THEM FOR ROBBERY, IT BECOMES THE PERILOUS TASK OF BATMAN AND ROBIN TO INTERCEPT THIS HIGH-FLYING BANDIT AND CRACK DOWN ON THE...
CRIMES of the KITE-MAN

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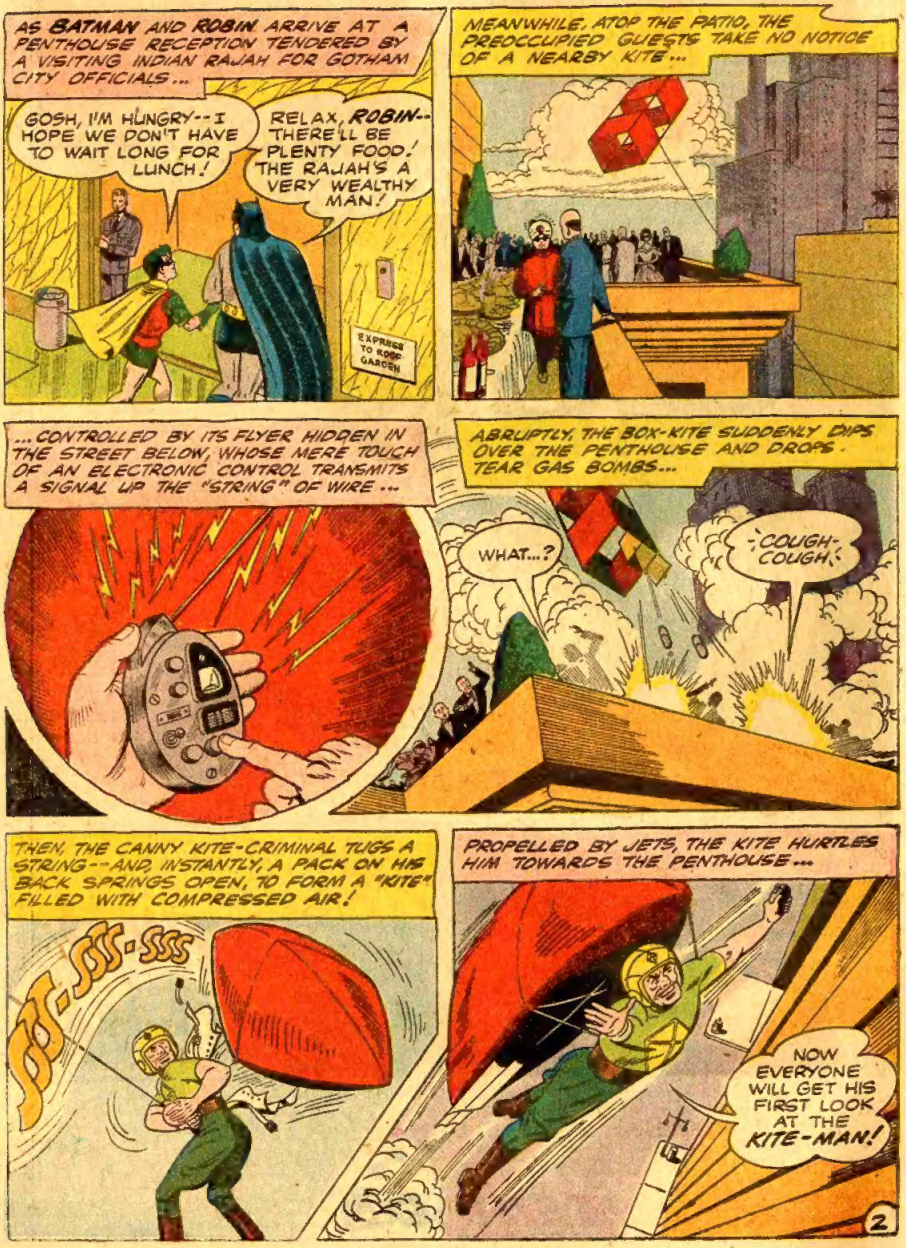
AS BATMAN AND ROBIN ARRIVE AT A PENTHOUSE RECEPTION TENDERED BY A VISITING INDIAN RAJAH FOR GOTHAM CITY OFFICIALS...
GOSH, I'M HUNGRY--I HOPE WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT LONG FOR LUNCH!
RELAX, ROBIN--THERE'LL BE PLENTY FOOD! THE RAJAH'S A VERY WEALTHY MAN!
EXPRESS TO ROOF GARDEN
MEANWHILE, ATOP THE PATIO, THE PREOCCUPIED GUESTS TAKE NO NOTICE OF A NEARBY KITE...
...CONTROLLED BY ITS FLYER HIDDEN IN THE STREET BELOW, WHOSE MERE TOUCH OF AN ELECTRONIC CONTROL TRANSMITS A SIGNAL UP THE "STRING" OF WIRE...
ABRUPTLY, THE BOX-KITE SUDDENLY DIPS OVER THE PENTHOUSE AND DROPS TEAR GAS BOMBS...
WHAT...?
-COUGH-COUGH-
THEN, THE CANNY KITE-CRIMINAL TUGS A STRING--AND, INSTANTLY, A PACK ON HIS BACK SPRINGS OPEN, TO FORM A "KITE" FILLED WITH COMPRESSED AIR!
SSS-SSS-SSS
PROPELLED BY JETS, THE KITE HURTLES HIM TOWARDS THE PENTHOUSE...
NOW EVERYONE WILL GET HIS FIRST LOOK AT THE KITE-MAN!
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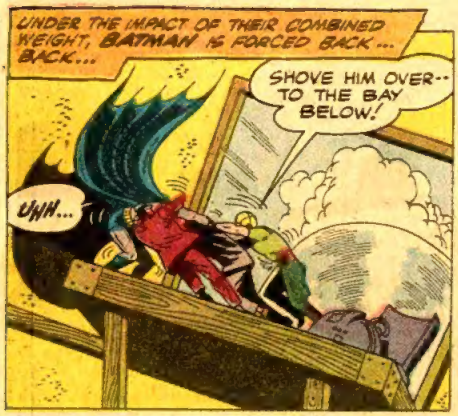
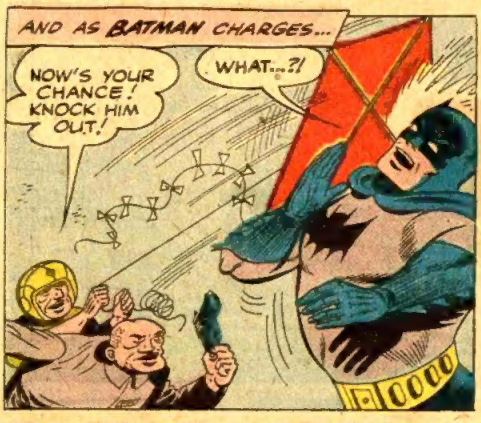
HIS APPEARANCE DOES INDEED CAUSE A COMMOTION...
GREAT SCOTT!
OHH! HE'S STEALING MY RUBY-- MY PRICELESS RUBY!
AS THE FLYING FELON SWOOPS AT BATMAN, ROBIN WHIPS OUT HIS BAT-ROPE, AND...
HA! HA! NO ONE STOPS ME --NOT EVEN BATMAN!
POW!
GOT HIM! NOW I'LL HAUL DOWN THAT HUMAN KITE!
BUT THE SURGING JETS ARE TOO POWERFUL...
YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO HOLD ONTO THAT LASSO FOR LONG! HA! HA!
ROBIN!
ARE YOUR HANDS GETTING TIRED, ROBIN? ARE THEY STARTING TO SLIP? HA! HA!
CAN'T HOLD ON... MUCH LONGER...
SUDDENLY, ROBIN'S GRIP SLACKENS, HIS NUMB FINGERS SLIDE FROM THE ROPE...
IS THIS THE END OF THE HEROIC BOY WONDER?

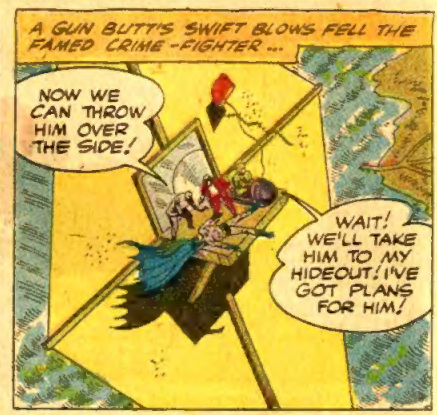
SUDDENLY, ROBIN TWISTS HIS AGILE BODY LIKE A DIVER, AND...
LUCKILY, I SPOTTED THIS WATER TANK--AND GOT READY TO DIVE FOR IT!
IN THE ENSUING DAYS, THE KITE-MAN AND HIS CRIME-KITES MAKE HEADLINE NEWS...
TWO DAYS AGO, HE FLEW A KITE THAT CARRIED A FIRE BOMB TO A GOLD REFINERY--AND USED THE FIRE AS A DIVERSION WHILE HE GRABBED SOME GOLD!
AND YESTERDAY, HIS KITE DROPPED COILS OF WIRE OVER GUARDS, SO HE COULD SNATCH A VALUABLE PAINTING BEING TAKEN OFF A FREIGHTER! WELL, LET'S START OUR DAILY PATROL!
ROBIN, YOU'VE SEEN WATER SKIERS HANG ONTO LARGE KITES TOWED BY MOTOR BOATS! THERE'S TO BE A KITE-SKIING CONTEST TODAY--AND I'VE ASKED TO BE A JUDGE!
HMM, THE KITE-MAN MIGHT TRY TO ROB THE BIG PRIZE MONEY IN THE JUDGES' STAND!
NOT FAR OFF, MEANWHILE, AS INMATES GATHER IN A PRISON YARD FOR THEIR RECREATION PERIOD...
HOLY SMOKE! A KITE--A COLOSSAL KITE!
IT'S COMING DOWN HERE!
AS THE CONVICTS SCATTER...
YOU'RE RIGHT ON SCHEDULE, KITE-MAN!
YOUR PALS PAID ME A LOT OF MONEY TO HELP YOU ESCAPE--
I TOLD EVERYBODY NO JAIL COULD HOLD BIG BILL COLLINS! I'LL BE RUNNING THE RACKETS AGAIN--JUST AS I DID BEFORE!
BANG
BANG
BANG
4

AT THAT MOMENT...
CALLING ALL CARS! BIG BILL COLLINS HAS JUST ESCAPED FROM GOTHAM BAY PRISON WITH THE HELP OF THE KITE-MAN!
THERE'S THE PRISON-- AND LOOK-- THERE'S THE KITE!
IF WE ONLY HAD THE BAT-PLANE--
THERE'S SOMETHING THAT MAY SERVE THE SAME PURPOSE--THAT MOTORBOAT--AND THAT SKI-KITE!
MINUTES LATER...
MORE SPEED, ROBIN! THIS KITE MUST LIFT ME AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE!
THEN, AT THE PROPER MOMENT, BATMAN SLASHES THE TOW-LINE-- AND GOES SOARING UP LIKE A HUMAN GLIDER!
LOOK! IT'S BATMAN!
KICKING OFF HIS WATER SKIS, AND RELEASING HIS KITE, BATMAN LANDS...
QUICK, PETE! JUMP HIM!


UNDER THE IMPACT OF THEIR COMBINED WEIGHT, BATMAN IS FORCED BACK... BACK...
SHOVE HIM OVER--TO THE BAY BELOW!
UHH...

BUT SUMMONING UP A RESERVE OF STRENGTH...
CAN'T HOLD HIM!
ONLY ONE WAY TO STOP HIM NOW--WITH A KITE!

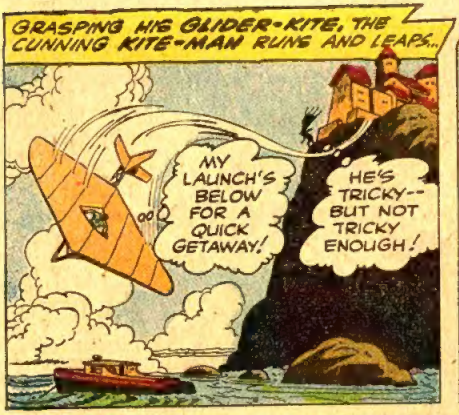

AND AS BATMAN CHARGES...
NOW'S YOUR CHANCE! KNOCK HIM OUT!
WHAT...?!

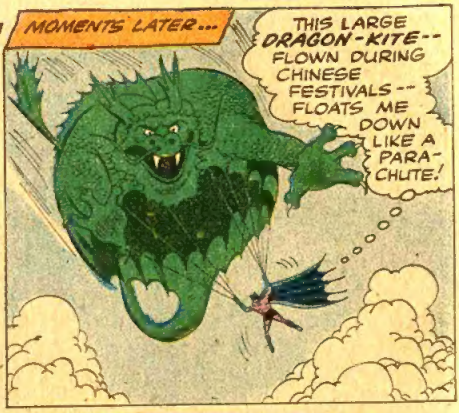

A GUN BUTT'S SWIFT BLOWS FELL THE FAMED CRIME-FIGHTER...
NOW WE CAN THROW HIM OVER THE SIDE!
WAIT! WE'LL TAKE HIM TO MY HIDEOUT! I'VE GOT PLANS FOR HIM!

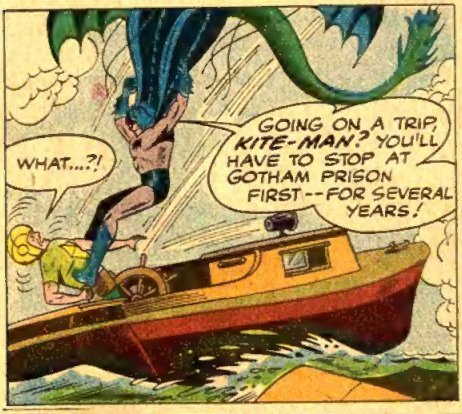
LATER, IN THE KITE-MAN'S SECRET LAIR...
OKAY, I'LL GUARD BATMAN! BUT WHY ARE YOU AND PETE CONTACTING TOP GANGSTERS?
TO BRING THEM HERE FOR SOME SPORT! I'M GOING TO TIE BATMAN TO A LARGE KITE--SO EVERYBODY CAN TAKE POT SHOTS AT HIM--AS IF HE WAS A CLAY PIGEON! HA! HA!
CLICK

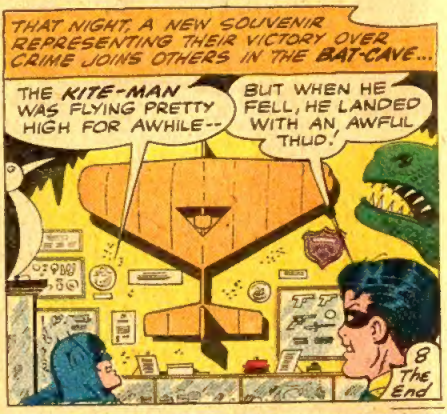
ALONE IN HIS "CELL," BATMAN WEIGHS HIS CHANCES FOR ESCAPE...
THEY TOOK MY UTILITY BELT, PREVENTING ME FROM CONTACTING ROBIN WITH THE BELT-RADIO! HE MUST BE SEARCHING FOR THIS PLACE--IF ONLY THERE WERE SOME WAY I COULD SIGNAL HIM! HMM! THAT PEELING WALL PAPER GIVES ME AN IDEA...

RIPPING OFF A LARGE SECTION OF WALLPAPER, BATMAN TEARS AND FOLDS IT...
UNRAVELLING ONE OF MY WOOLEN SOCKS WILL PROVIDE ME WITH A STRING!
SOON AFTER, A UNIQUE "BAT-SIGNAL" IS WHIPPED ALOFT BY THE WIND...
THE UP-DRAFT FROM THE BAY WILL KEEP IT FLYING! I ONLY HOPE ROBIN SEES IT BEFORE THE KITE-MAN RETURNS!
LATER, AS THE KITE-MAN ARRIVES WITH SOME OF HIS GANGSTER-GUESTS...
HEY, BIG BILL--WE'RE HERE!
COME ON OUT AND SAY HELLO!
I'M AFRAID HE CAN'T! ROBIN PUT HIM OUT OF ACTION TEMPORARILY!
BATMAN--FREE! C'MON--LET'S GET HIM AND THAT BRAT!
SUDDENLY, BATMAN REACHES BEHIND THE DOOR--AND THE STRONG BREEZE SLAMS SOMETHING FORWARD...
UH--THAT GLARING LIGHT--CAN'T SEE!
ROBIN AND I DECIDED TO WELCOME YOU--WITH YOUR OWN KITES, KITE-MAN!
MY FLASH-BULB-KITE!
THEN, BEFORE THE CRIMINALS CAN RECOVER...
BAGGED THEM--WITH THE NET-KITE!
ALL BUT ME! I KEPT SOMETHING STORED HERE JUST FOR SUCH AN EMERGENCY!


GRASPING HIS GLIDER-KITE, THE CUNNING KITE-MAN RUNS AND LEAPS..
MY LAUNCH'S BELOW FOR A QUICK GETAWAY!
HE'S TRICKY--BUT NOT TRICKY ENOUGH!


MOMENTS LATER...
THIS LARGE DRAGON-KITE--FLOWN DURING CHINESE FESTIVALS--FLOATS ME DOWN LIKE A PARACHUTE!


WHAT...?!
GOING ON A TRIP, KITE-MAN? YOU'LL HAVE TO STOP AT GOTHAM PRISON FIRST--FOR SEVERAL YEARS!


THAT NIGHT, A NEW SOUVENIR REPRESENTING THEIR VICTORY OVER CRIME JOINS OTHERS IN THE BAT-CAVE...
THE KITE-MAN WAS FLYING PRETTY HIGH FOR AWHILE--
BUT WHEN HE FELL, HE LANDED WITH AN AWFUL THUD!
8 The End

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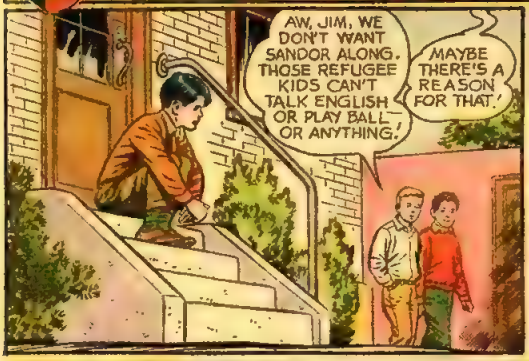
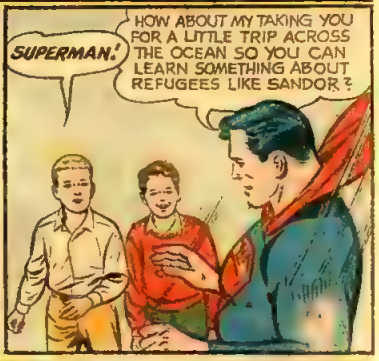
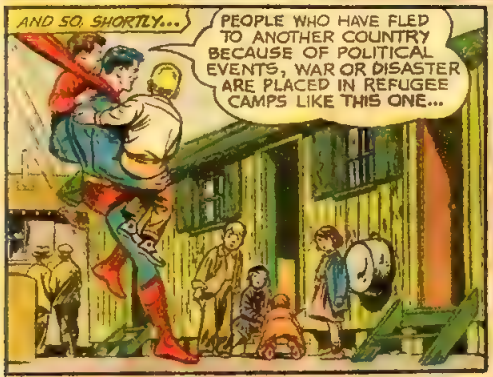
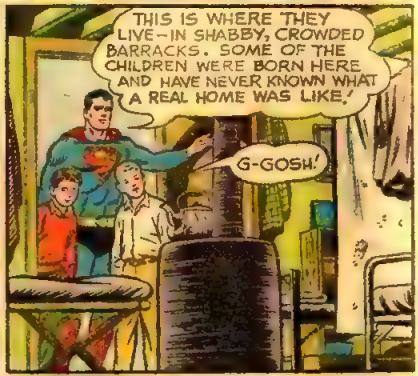
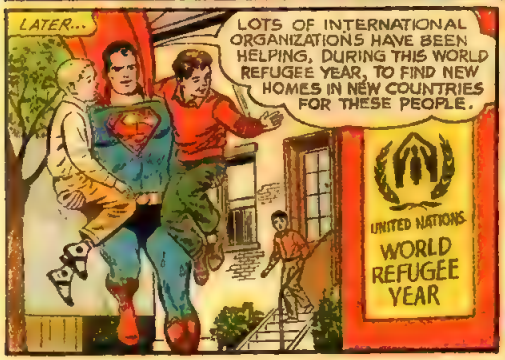
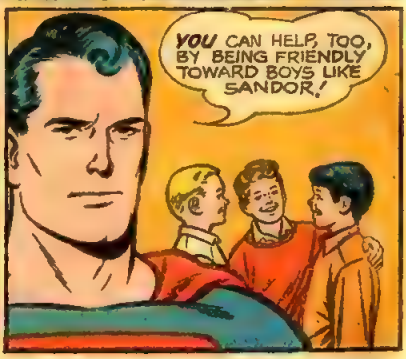

AW, JIM, WE DON'T WANT SANDOR ALONG. THOSE REFUGEE KIDS CAN'T TALK ENGLISH OR PLAY BALL, OR ANYTHING!
MAYBE THERE'S A REASON FOR THAT.


SUPERMAN!
HOW ABOUT MY TAKING YOU FOR A LITTLE TRIP ACROSS THE OCEAN SO YOU CAN LEARN SOMETHING ABOUT REFUGEES LIKE SANDOR?


AND SO, SHORTLY...
PEOPLE WHO HAVE FLED TO ANOTHER COUNTRY BECAUSE OF POLITICAL EVENTS, WAR OR DISASTER ARE PLACED IN REFUGEE CAMPS LIKE THIS ONE...


THIS IS WHERE THEY LIVE—IN SHABBY, CROWDED BARRACKS. SOME OF THE CHILDREN WERE BORN HERE AND HAVE NEVER KNOWN WHAT A REAL HOME WAS LIKE.
G-GOSH!


LATER...
LOTS OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS HAVE BEEN HELPING, DURING THIS WORLD REFUGEE YEAR, TO FIND NEW HOMES IN NEW COUNTRIES FOR THESE PEOPLE.
UNITED NATIONS
WORLD REFUGEE YEAR



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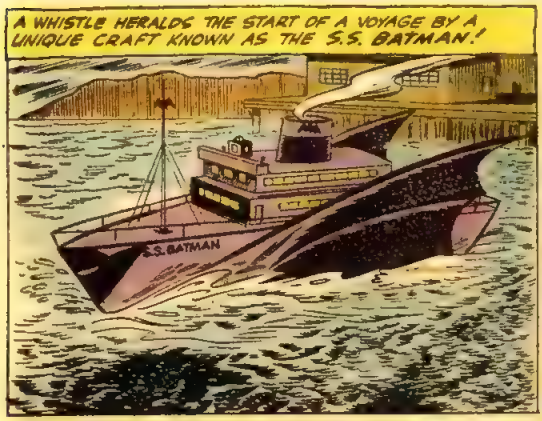
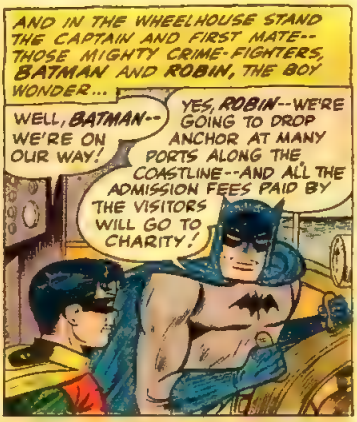
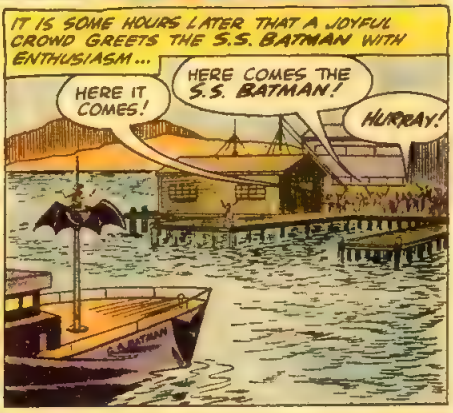
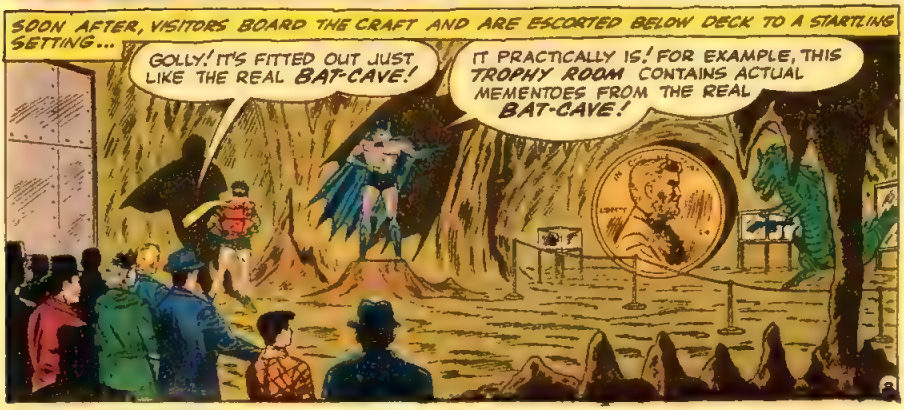
with ROBIN
AVAST THERE, ME HEARTIES--STEP ABOARD THE S.S. BATMAN FOR A VOYAGE THAT HAS MORE THRILLS AHEAD THAN A TRIP AROUND THE HORN! YOU'LL MEET UP WITH MYSTERY AND DANGER AS CAPTAIN BATMAN AND FIRST MATE ROBIN SET SAIL FOR A TRIP INTO PERILOUS WATERS! YES--STEP ABOARD AND YOU'LL FIND ADVENTURE ON...
the VOYAGE of the S.S. BATMAN
S.S. BATMAN
BATMAN--LOOK OUT! UHH...
BOB KANE

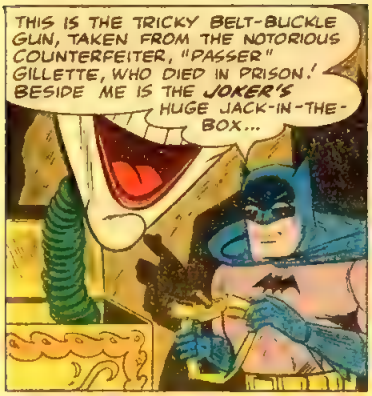

A WHISTLE HERALDS THE START OF A VOYAGE BY A UNIQUE CRAFT KNOWN AS THE S.S. BATMAN!
S.S. BATMAN


AND IN THE WHEELHOUSE STAND THE CAPTAIN AND FIRST MATE--THOSE MIGHTY CRIME-FIGHTERS, BATMAN AND ROBIN, THE BOY WONDER...
WELL, BATMAN--WE'RE ON OUR WAY!
YES, ROBIN--WE'RE GOING TO DROP ANCHOR AT MANY PORTS ALONG THE COASTLINE--AND ALL THE ADMISSION FEES PAID BY THE VISITORS WILL GO TO CHARITY!

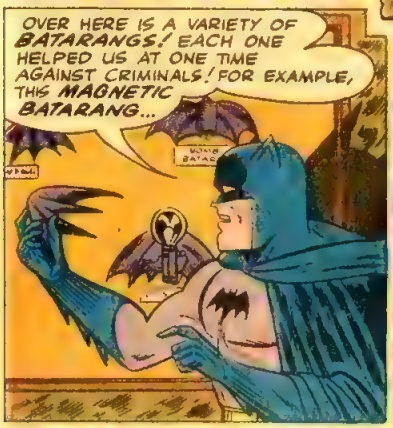
FROM THE DOCK, THREE SINISTER FIGURES WATCH THE SHIP GLIDE AWAY...
WELL, BOYS, IT'S COME AT LAST--THE BIG CHANCE WE'VE BEEN WAITING FOR!
WE'LL FOLLOW HER WHEREVER SHE GOES, LEGS--UNTIL WE GET WHAT WE'RE AFTER!

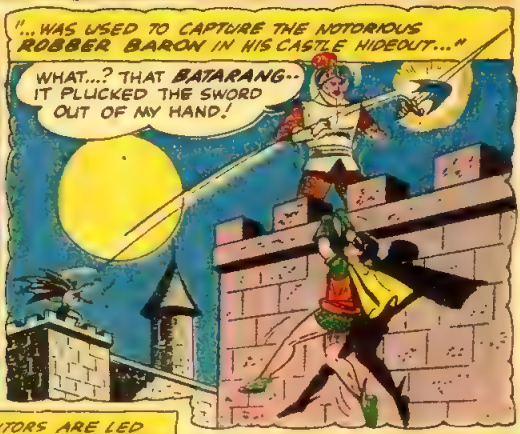

IT IS SOME HOURS LATER THAT A JOYFUL CROWD GREETS THE S.S. BATMAN WITH ENTHUSIASM...
HERE IT COMES!
HERE COMES THE S.S. BATMAN!
HURRAY!
S.S. BATMAN

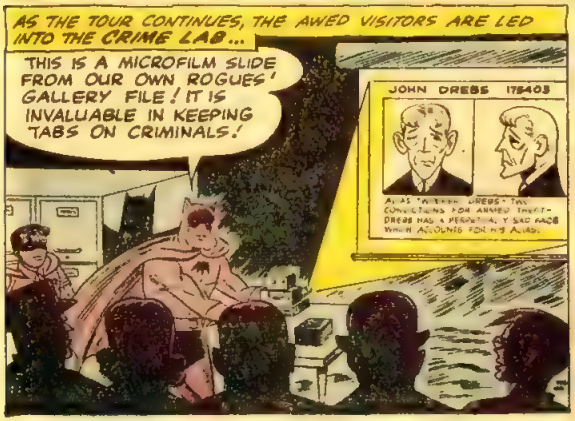

SOON AFTER, VISITORS BOARD THE CRAFT AND ARE ESCORTED BELOW DECK TO A STARTLING SETTING...
GOLLY! IT'S FITTED OUT JUST LIKE THE REAL BAT-CAVE!
IT PRACTICALLY IS! FOR EXAMPLE, THIS TROPHY ROOM CONTAINS ACTUAL MEMENTOES FROM THE REAL BAT-CAVE!

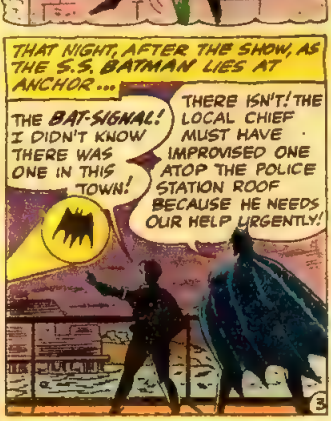

THIS IS THE TRICKY BELT-BUCKLE GUN, TAKEN FROM THE NOTORIOUS COUNTERFEITER, "PASSER" GILLETTE, WHO DIED IN PRISON! BESIDE ME IS THE JOKER'S HUGE JACK-IN-THE-BOX...

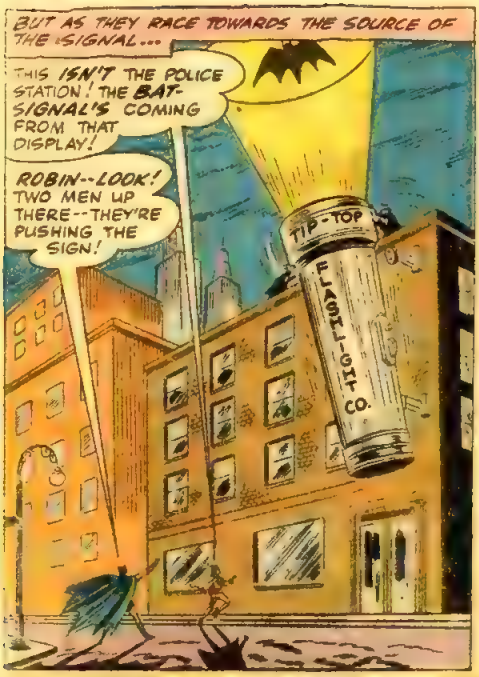
"...THE JOKER ALMOST ESCAPED ONCE, BUT I WAS WAITING FOR HIM..."
GOOD-BYE, ROBIN!...HA-HA! OH, IT'S YOU!
HELLO, JOKER!

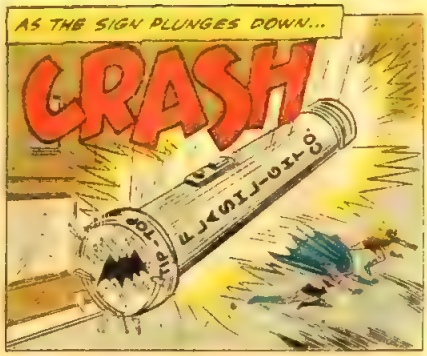

OVER HERE IS A VARIETY OF BATARANGS! EACH ONE HELPED US AT ONE TIME AGAINST CRIMINALS! FOR EXAMPLE, THIS MAGNETIC BATARANG...


"...WAS USED TO CAPTURE THE NOTORIOUS ROBBER BARON IN HIS CASTLE HIDEOUT..."
WHAT...? THAT BATARANG-- IT PLUCKED THE SWORD OUT OF MY HAND!


AS THE TOUR CONTINUES, THE AWED VISITORS ARE LED INTO THE CRIME LAB...
THIS IS A MICROFILM SLIDE FROM OUR OWN ROGUES' GALLERY FILE! IT IS INVALUABLE IN KEEPING TABS ON CRIMINALS!
JOHN DREBS 178403
ALIAS "WILLIAM DREBS"--TEN CONVICTIONS FOR ARMED THEFT--DREBS HAS A PERSONALITY SCAR ABOVE WHICH ACCOUNTS FOR HIS ALIAS.


THAT NIGHT, AFTER THE SHOW, AS THE S.S. BATMAN LIES AT ANCHOR...
THE BAT-SIGNAL! I DIDN'T KNOW THERE WAS ONE IN THIS TOWN!
THERE ISN'T! THE LOCAL CHIEF MUST HAVE IMPROVISED ONE ATOP THE POLICE STATION ROOF BECAUSE HE NEEDS OUR HELP URGENTLY!


BUT AS THEY RACE TOWARDS THE SOURCE OF THE SIGNAL...
THIS ISN'T THE POLICE STATION! THE BAT-SIGNAL'S COMING FROM THAT DISPLAY!
ROBIN--LOOK! TWO MEN UP THERE--THEY'RE PUSHING THE SIGN!
TIP-TOP FLASHLIGHT CO.


AS THE SIGN PLUNGES DOWN...
CRASH
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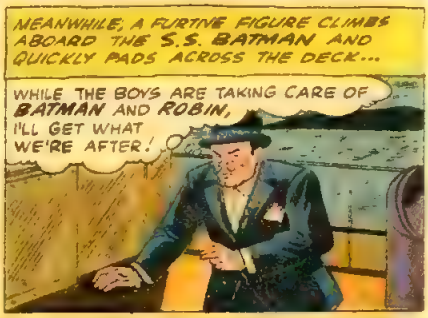
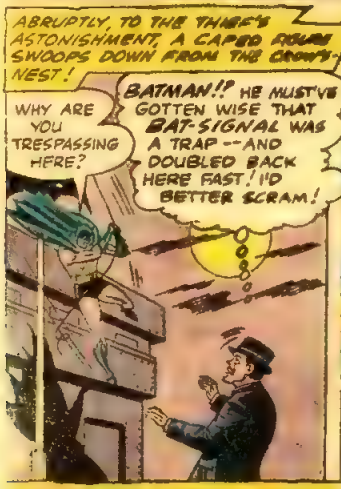
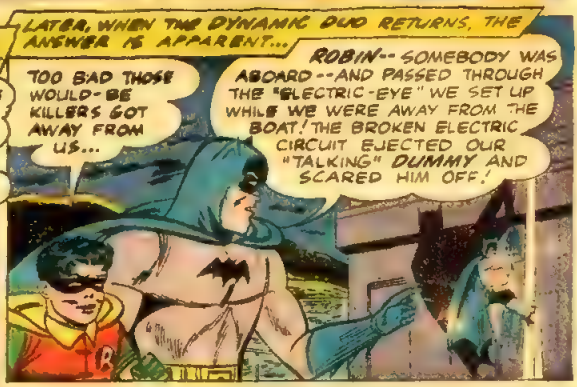

MEANWHILE, A FURTIVE FIGURE CLIMBS ABOARD THE S.S. BATMAN AND QUICKLY PADS ACROSS THE DECK...
WHILE THE BOYS ARE TAKING CARE OF BATMAN AND ROBIN, I'LL GET WHAT WE'RE AFTER!


ABRUPTLY, TO THE THIEF'S ASTONISHMENT, A CAPED FIGURE SWOOPS DOWN FROM THE CROW'S-NEST!
WHY ARE YOU TRESPASSING HERE?
BATMAN!? HE MUST'VE GOTTEN WISE THAT BAT-SIGNAL WAS A TRAP--AND DOUBLED BACK HERE FAST! I'D BETTER SCRAM!
BUT WE SAW BATMAN ANSWER THE BAT-SIGNAL, SO HOW COULD HE POSSIBLY BE IN TWO PLACES AT THE SAME TIME?


LATER, WHEN THE DYNAMIC DUO RETURNS, THE ANSWER IS APPARENT...
TOO BAD THOSE WOULD-BE KILLERS GOT AWAY FROM US...
ROBIN--SOMEBODY WAS ABOARD--AND PASSED THROUGH THE "ELECTRIC-EYE" WE SET UP WHILE WE WERE AWAY FROM THE BOAT! THE BROKEN ELECTRIC CIRCUIT EJECTED OUR "TALKING" DUMMY AND SCARED HIM OFF!

I HAVE A HUNCH THAT PAIR WERE HIS CONFEDERATES--AND LURED US AWAY FROM HERE SO HE COULD SNEAK ABOARD!
BUT WHAT WAS HE AFTER? WAS HE TRYING TO RECOVER SOME STOLEN VALUABLES THEY'D HIDDEN ABOARD TO SMUGGLE OUT OF GOTHAM CITY?

NEXT MORNING, AS THE S.S. BATMAN IS EN ROUTE TO ITS NEXT PORT O' CALL...
HELP! HE-ELP!
STOP THE ENGINES, BATMAN! I'LL LOWER A BOAT AND ROW OUT TO HIM!
AS BATMAN WATCHES ROBIN, TWO SKIN-DIVERS CLIMB SILENTLY ABOARD, AND...
OUR PHONY RESCUE STOPPED THE SHIP... NOW, ONE CLOUT AND WE'LL HEAVE BATMAN OVERBOARD!
A MOMENT LATER...
LET'S GET INTO THE "BAT-CAVE", LEGS!
SPLASH
HEARING THE SOUND, ROBIN TURNS HIS HEAD, AND...
THAT PUTS YOU OUT, TOO, SONNY!
BUT AS THE PAIR GROPES IN THE DIM LIGHT FOR THE "BAT-CAVE," A FIGURE DIVES DOWN THE HATCH...
BATMAN-- ALIVE!
YES! I FELT THE BREEZE OF YOUR ARM SWINGING THE GUN-- SO I ROLLED WITH THE BLOW!
AS BATMAN'S IRON FIST SHOOTS OUT...
I'M NOT TANGLING WITH HIM --NOT WHEN I CAN ESCAPE UNDERWATER!

AS LEGS DIVES OVERBOARD...
SOMETHING WENT WRONG! I'D BETTER UNHOOK MY SNORKEL AND SCRAM, TOO!
SHORTLY, BATMAN AND ROBIN QUESTION THEIR CAPTIVE...
WHAT WERE YOU LOOKING FOR IN THE "BAT-CAVE?" YOUR PICTURE IS IN OUR PERSONAL ROGUES' GALLERY FILE! IS THAT WHAT YOU WERE AFTER? WERE YOU TRYING TO DESTROY MY DATA ON YOU AND YOUR PALS?
IT'S NO USE, BATMAN-- HE WON'T TALK! HE'S AFRAID OF WHAT THE OTHERS WILL DO TO HIM IF HE SQUEALS!
LATER THAT DAY, AFTER THE S.S. BATMAN DOCKS AT THE NEXT PORT AND THE THUG HAS BEEN TURNED OVER TO THE LOCAL POLICE...
AS YOU'VE NO DOUBT HEARD FROM OUR RADIO BROADCASTS, WE'VE MADE AN APPEAL FOR TOYS TO BE GIVEN TO YOUR FAVORITE ORPHANAGE OF GOTHAM CITY!
GOSH, BATMAN-- THEY'RE BRINGING US CRATES OF THEM!
BUT THAT NIGHT, IN THE SHIP'S HOLD...
GOOD THING WE KNEW ABOUT THAT TOY APPEAL-- 'CAUSE IT MADE IT EASY FOR US TO GET ABOARD INSIDE AN EMPTY CRATE!
THE "BAT-CAVE" IS NEARBY! WE'LL GET IN AND OUT WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE THIS TIME!
AS THE BANDITS SLIP INTO THE TROPHY ROOM, THEY SUDDENLY HEAR...
FOOTSTEPS!
BATMAN! QUICK--NO TIME TO LOSE!
PAT-PAT-PAT-PAT-PAT...
BUT THE "FOOTSTEPS" ARE MADE BY A BOUNCING RUBBER BALL, DISLODGED FROM AN OPEN BOX OF TOYS BY THE SHIP'S LURCHING...
PAT-- PAT-- PAT-- PAT-- PAT--
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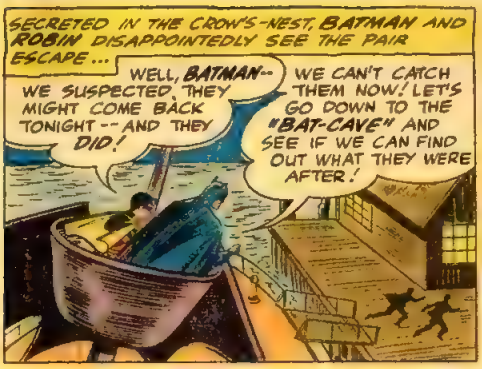
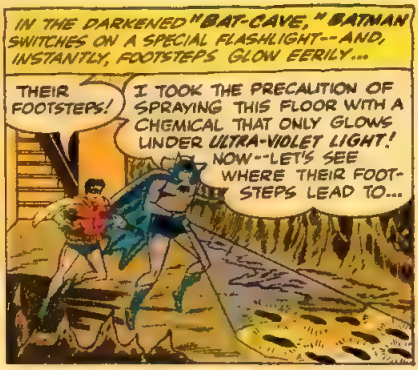
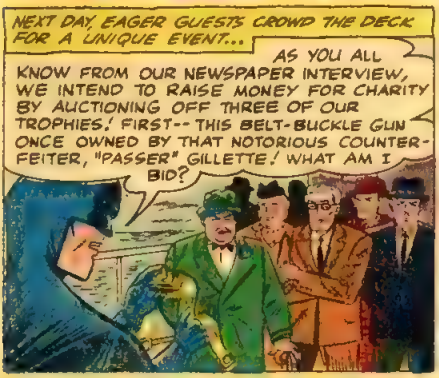
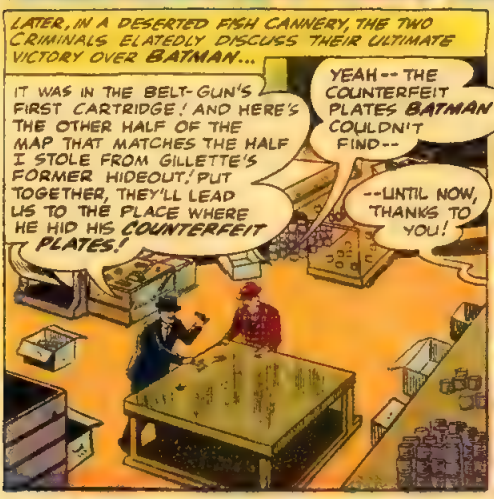
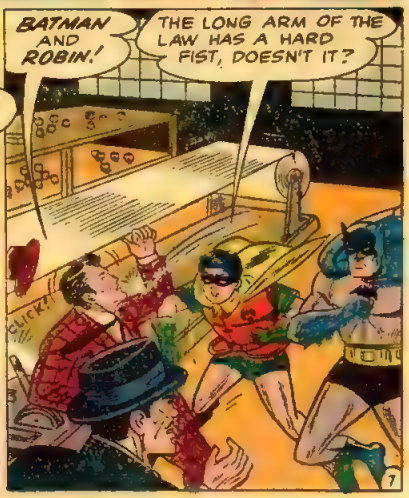

SECRETED IN THE CROW'S-NEST, BATMAN AND ROBIN DISAPPOINTEDLY SEE THE PAIR ESCAPE...
WELL, BATMAN--WE SUSPECTED THEY MIGHT COME BACK TONIGHT--AND THEY DID!
WE CAN'T CATCH THEM NOW! LET'S GO DOWN TO THE "BAT-CAVE" AND SEE IF WE CAN FIND OUT WHAT THEY WERE AFTER!

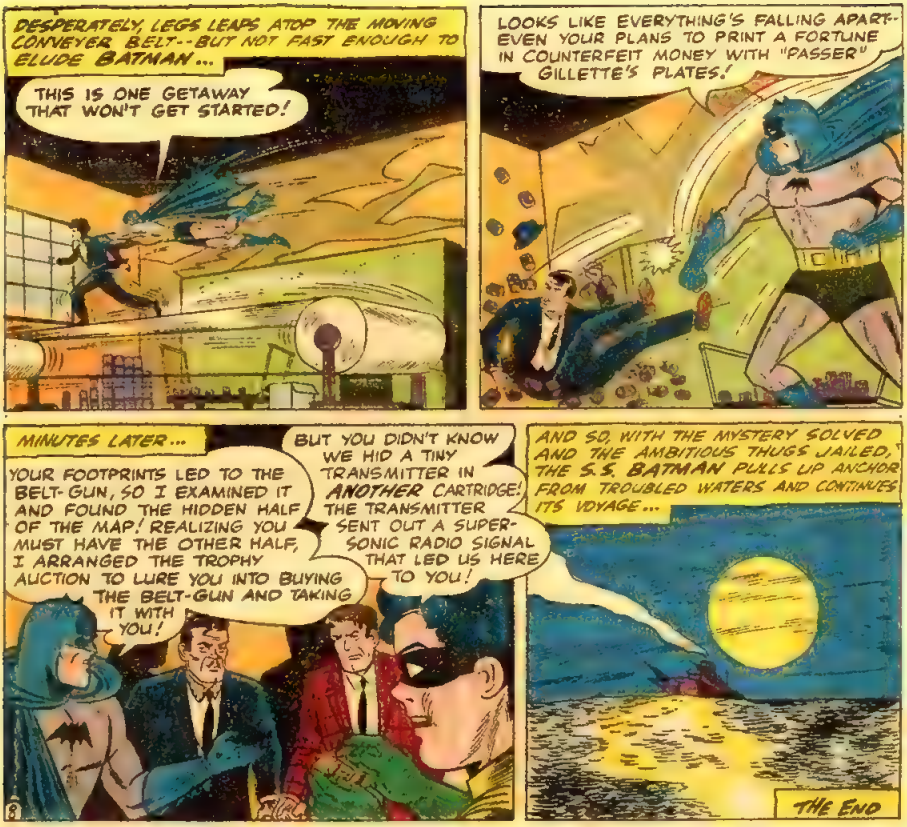

IN THE DARKENED "BAT-CAVE," BATMAN SWITCHES ON A SPECIAL FLASHLIGHT--AND, INSTANTLY, FOOTSTEPS GLOW EERILY...
THEIR FOOTSTEPS!
I TOOK THE PRECAUTION OF SPRAYING THIS FLOOR WITH A CHEMICAL THAT ONLY GLOWS UNDER ULTRA-VIOLET LIGHT! NOW--LET'S SEE WHERE THEIR FOOTSTEPS LEAD TO...


NEXT DAY, EAGER GUESTS CROWD THE DECK FOR A UNIQUE EVENT...
AS YOU ALL KNOW FROM OUR NEWSPAPER INTERVIEW, WE INTEND TO RAISE MONEY FOR CHARITY BY AUCTIONING OFF THREE OF OUR TROPHIES! FIRST--THIS BELT-BUCKLE GUN ONCE OWNED BY THAT NOTORIOUS COUNTERFEITER, "PASSER" GILLETTE! WHAT AM I BID?

$50!
$75!
$100!
NOBODY'S GONNA OUTBID ME FOR THAT TROPHY! WE WORKED HARD TO GET IT BEFORE WITHOUT ANY LUCK--NOW, WE'LL GET IT THE EASY WAY--BY JUST BUYING IT!


LATER, IN A DESERTED FISH CANNERY, THE TWO CRIMINALS ELATEDLY DISCUSS THEIR ULTIMATE VICTORY OVER BATMAN...
IT WAS IN THE BELT-GUN'S FIRST CARTRIDGE! AND HERE'S THE OTHER HALF OF THE MAP THAT MATCHES THE HALF I STOLE FROM GILLETTE'S FORMER HIDEOUT! PUT TOGETHER, THEY'LL LEAD US TO THE PLACE WHERE HE HID HIS COUNTERFEIT PLATES!
YEAH--THE COUNTERFEIT PLATES BATMAN COULDN'T FIND--
--UNTIL NOW, THANKS TO YOU!


BATMAN AND ROBIN!
THE LONG ARM OF THE LAW HAS A HARD FIST, DOESN'T IT?
CLICK!


DESPERATELY LEGS LEAPS ATOP THE MOVING CONVEYER BELT--BUT NOT FAST ENOUGH TO ELUDE BATMAN...
THIS IS ONE GETAWAY THAT WON'T GET STARTED!
LOOKS LIKE EVERYTHING'S FALLING APART--EVEN YOUR PLANS TO PRINT A FORTUNE IN COUNTERFEIT MONEY WITH "PASSER" GILLETTE'S PLATES!
MINUTES LATER...
YOUR FOOTPRINTS LED TO THE BELT-GUN, SO I EXAMINED IT AND FOUND THE HIDDEN HALF OF THE MAP! REALIZING YOU MUST HAVE THE OTHER HALF, I ARRANGED THE TROPHY AUCTION TO LURE YOU INTO BUYING THE BELT-GUN AND TAKING IT WITH YOU!
BUT YOU DIDN'T KNOW WE HID A TINY TRANSMITTER IN ANOTHER CARTRIDGE! THE TRANSMITTER SENT OUT A SUPER-SONIC RADIO SIGNAL THAT LED US HERE TO YOU!
AND SO, WITH THE MYSTERY SOLVED AND THE AMBITIOUS THUGS JAILED, THE S.S. BATMAN PULLS UP ANCHOR FROM TROUBLED WATERS AND CONTINUES ITS VOYAGE...
THE END

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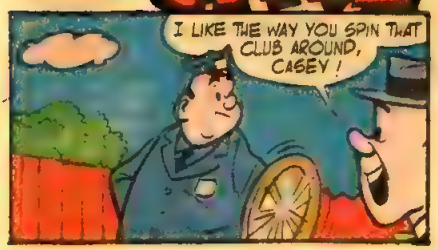

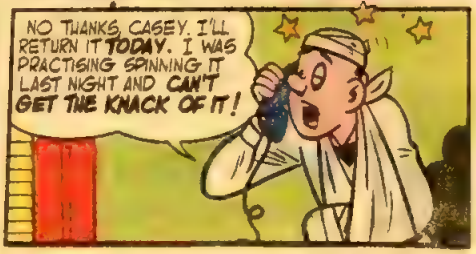

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Dear Editor:

In a recent story, BATMAN tracked down some criminals by figuring out their *comb code*. How was he able to decode their message so quickly?

Jimmy Duggan, Atlanta, Ga.

(BATMAN and ROBIN are familiar with all the standard codes throughout the world. To crack new codes, their CRIME LAB is equipped with all the latest decoding devices.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Everyone knows that the BAT-PLANE and the BATMOBILE contain a lot of secret equipment. How are BATMAN and ROBIN able to buy this equipment without revealing it to the people they buy from?

Richard Miller, Pacoima, Cal.

(BATMAN and ROBIN buy only the parts for their equipment, which they assemble themselves, in the secrecy of the BAT-CAVE.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

BATMAN and ROBIN have had a number of adventures in which they've battled aliens from other worlds. Has an alien ever come here to *help* them fight crime?

Elaine West, New Orleans, La.

(Yes, but the most amazing one appears in the AUGUST issue of DETECTIVE COMICS, No. 282, where you'll meet "BATMAN'S INTERPLANETARY RIVAL."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Has anyone besides SUPERMAN and Alfred the butler ever been inside the BAT-CAVE? If so, how did BATMAN get them in and out without revealing the BAT-CAVE'S location?

Lonny Stern, Saratoga, N. Y.

(On the rare occasions when BATMAN and ROBIN must admit someone to the BAT-CAVE, they blindfold the visitor while transporting him to and from the secret entrance. —Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Some time ago, I read a story in which BATMAN and ROBIN pulled spare costumes out of their UTILITY BELTS. I've always wondered how this was possible.

Omar Winkle, Columbia, Mo.

(Those particular costumes are made of a secret plastic formula, known only to BATMAN and ROBIN. They are thin and pliable enough to be folded so small that they can fit into the UTILITY BELTS.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

Has BATMAN ever been up against an opponent who knew his secret identity?

Eddie Sommers, Chester, Pa.

(He certainly has. How BATMAN combatted one such opponent is told in the next issue of BATMAN COMICS, SEPTEMBER, No. 134, in the story entitled "BATMAN'S SECRET ENEMY."—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

If Bruce Wayne were to die, who would inherit all his wealth?

Madeline Franke, Cleveland, Ohio

(As Bruce's legal ward, Dick Grayson would inherit the bulk of his estate. However, Bruce's will also provides large sums for research and worthwhile charities.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

A friend recently told me that BATMAN has tracked down masked criminals simply by examining photos of their *ears*. Is this possible?

Clark Barnwell, Arlington, Va.

(The shape of a person's ears is like his fingerprints. No two people have the exact same ear shape. The BAT-CAVE'S CRIME FILE has a detailed picture of the ears of every known criminal, and BATMAN has used "ear identification" as a means of capturing many crooks, as in "The Menace of the Atomic Man," which appeared in the June issue of Detective Comics.—Ed.)

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Dear Editor:

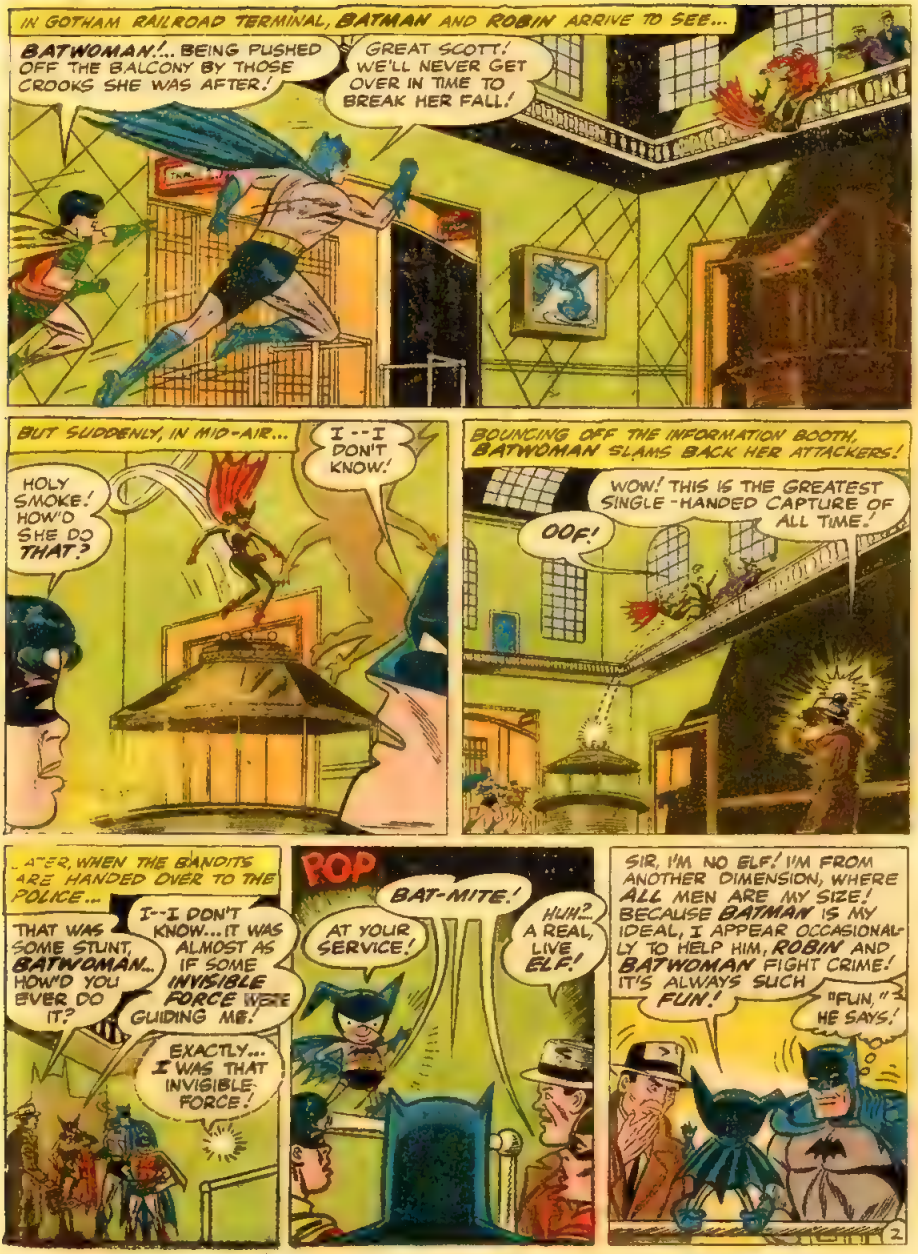
How would BATMAN and ROBIN fare against SUPERMAN if, for some reason, he became their enemy and used his powers against them?

Philip Roote, Dover, Del.

(You'll find out in the next issue of WORLD'S FINEST COMICS, AUGUST, No. 111, where BATMAN and ROBIN enter "SUPERMAN'S SECRET KINGDOM."—Ed.)

WARDEN WILLIS
I'VE MADE A COMPLETE STUDY OF YOUR PRISON, WARDEN. I HAVE SOME SUGGESTIONS FOR IMPROVING MORALE HERE!
HENRY BOLTINOFF
FIRST ON THE LIST--FOR THE PRISONERS, A SUGGESTION BOX!
WHAT? LISTEN HERE, I'VE BEEN WARDEN HERE FOR TWENTY YEARS! I KNOW HOW TO GET ALONG WITH THE MEN!
BUT, AS LONG AS THE GOVERNOR SENT YOU, I AGREE. BUT WE'LL DO IT MY WAY!
NEXT DAY...
?..!!
SUGGESTION BOX
!!

BAT-MAN
WITH ROBIN THE BOY WONDER
BOB KANE
BEWARE!... THAT MISCHIEVOUS LITTLE IMP FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION HAS RETURNED! YES, BAT-MITE IS BACK--TO MATCH BATMAN AND ROBIN WITH A NEW CRIME-FIGHTING TEAM--THE TEAM OF BAT-MITE AND BATWOMAN! AND--EVEN MORE SURPRISING, THE LITTLE GREMLIN SWEARS OFF HIS USUAL PRANKS AND MISCHIEF--UNTIL HE DECIDES TO BECOME...
BATWOMAN'S PUBLICITY AGENT
BATWOMAN CAPTURED THOSE ESCAPED CONVICTS WITH BAT-MITE'S HELP! THEY MAKE A GREAT TEAM!
POLICE
POLICE HEADQUARTERS
BAT-MITE CERTAINLY SEEMS TO HAVE REFORMED! HE'S NO LONGER OUT TO HAVE "FUN" BY MAKING MISCHIEF!


IN GOTHAM RAILROAD TERMINAL, BATMAN AND ROBIN ARRIVE TO SEE...
BATWOMAN!... BEING PUSHED OFF THE BALCONY BY THOSE CROOKS SHE WAS AFTER!
GREAT SCOTT! WE'LL NEVER GET OVER IN TIME TO BREAK HER FALL!
BUT SUDDENLY, IN MID-AIR...
I--I DON'T KNOW!
HOLY SMOKE! HOW'D SHE DO THAT?
BOUNCING OFF THE INFORMATION BOOTH, BATWOMAN SLAMS BACK HER ATTACKERS!
WOW! THIS IS THE GREATEST SINGLE-HANDED CAPTURE OF ALL TIME!
OOF!
LATER, WHEN THE BANDITS ARE HANDED OVER TO THE POLICE...
THAT WAS SOME STUNT, BATWOMAN... HOW'D YOU EVER DO IT?
I--I DON'T KNOW... IT WAS ALMOST AS IF SOME INVISIBLE FORCE WERE GUIDING ME!
EXACTLY... I WAS THAT INVISIBLE FORCE!
POP
BAT-MITE!
AT YOUR SERVICE!
HUH?... A REAL, LIVE ELF!
SIR, I'M NO ELF! I'M FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION, WHERE ALL MEN ARE MY SIZE! BECAUSE BATMAN IS MY IDEAL, I APPEAR OCCASIONALLY TO HELP HIM, ROBIN AND BATWOMAN FIGHT CRIME! IT'S ALWAYS SUCH FUN!
"FUN," HE SAYS!
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"LIKE THE TIME ROBIN AND I HAD THOSE BANDITS SUBDUED AT THE HI-FI EXPOSITION..."
THAT GIANT DISPLAY RECORD SUDDENLY STARTED FLYING THEM AROUND! BUT HOW...?
BAT-MITE!... HE MUST BE HERE--INVISIBLE--USING HIS MYSTERIOUS POWERS TO PROLONG THE FIGHT SO I'LL BE FORCED INTO SPECTACULAR ACTION!
"THERE WAS ONLY ONE WAY I COULD SOLVE THE PROBLEM... BY HURTLING UP FROM A SPINNING TAPE-RECORDER..."
BATMAN CAUGHT THOSE CROOKS SO QUICKLY BEFORE, I JUST HAD TO FIX THINGS SO I'D SEE HIM IN MORE ACTION! BOYOBOY!... IS THIS FUN!
BECAUSE NO ONE WOULD BELIEVE IN AN INVISIBLE LITTLE MAN FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION, I MADE UP EXCUSES TO COVER HIS CRAZY STUNTS... BUT NOW THAT HE'S REVEALED HIMSELF, I WON'T HAVE TO ANY LONGER!
WELL--I SUPPOSE YOU'RE ALL WONDERING WHAT MY FUTURE PLANS ARE...
SINCE BATMAN HAS ROBIN TO HELP HIM FIGHT CRIME--I'VE DECIDED IT'S TIME BATWOMAN HAD AN ASSISTANT, TOO--SO I'M GOING TO BECOME BATWOMAN'S NEW PARTNER!
W-WHAT?
BATWOMAN AND BAT-MITE... A NEW TEAM! WOW!... WHAT A STORY!
TRACK 7
NOW LOOK HERE!... I DON'T WANT YOUR HELP! YOU'LL ONLY WANT TO HAVE "FUN" AGAIN, AND MAKE TROUBLE FOR ME!
NO-NO... HONEST--I'LL BEHAVE MYSELF, BATWOMAN! PLEASE?
WELL... ALL RIGHT... BUT THE MINUTE YOU START ACTING UP--OUT YOU GO!
BATWOMAN--YOU'LL BE SORRY!
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SOON AFTER, THE STORY MAKES MIGHTY NEWS...
GOTHAM CITY GAZETTE
BATWOMAN TEAMS UP WITH VISITOR FROM ANOTHER DIMENSION
BAT-MITE TO USE STRANGE POWERS AGAINST FOES
GOTHAM CALLER
HALF-PINT PARTNER VOWS WAR AGAINST CRIME
THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, AS BATMAN AND ROBIN PATROL GOTHAM CITY...
CALLING ALL CARS! ACE CAMERA COMPANY SAFE REPORTED BEING LOOTED!
THAT'S NEARBY! LET'S HOPE BATWOMAN HASN'T HEARD THE ALARM! IF SHE GOES THERE WITH BAT-MITE, THAT LITTLE GREMLIN MIGHT DECIDE TO HAVE SOME "FUN" AGAIN!
BUT TO BATMAN'S AND ROBIN'S RELIEF, ATOP THE CAMERA COMPANY'S UNIQUE BUILDING...
THANK GOODNESS, WE'LL BE ABLE TO WRAP UP THIS CASE WITHOUT ANY TROUBLE!
YES... BUT I WONDER WHAT BATWOMAN IS DOING NOW?
BANG!
THE ANSWER LIES IN A NEARBY MOUNTAIN PASS, WHERE BATWOMAN HAS PICKED UP THE TRAIL OF TWO ESCAPED CONVICTS...
UH-OH... THEY'RE FLEEING IN THAT MONORAIL CAR! THERE'S NO WAY I CAN CATCH THEM NOW!
I KNOW A WAY!
BAT-MITE! YOU HERE, TOO?
NATURALLY, I'M YOUR NEW SIDEKICK, REMEMBER? LET'S GET RID OF THOSE TIRES... AND GO INTO OUR PARTNER ACT!
POP
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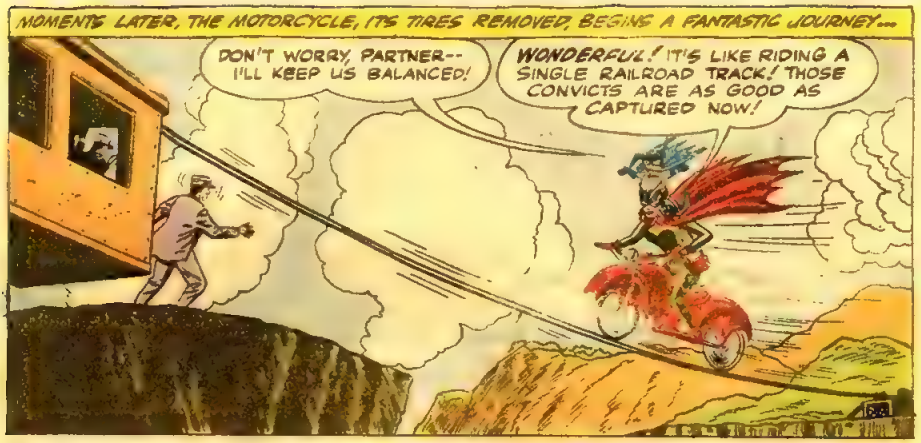
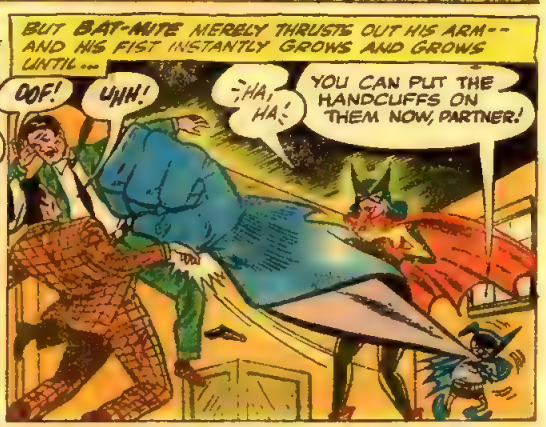
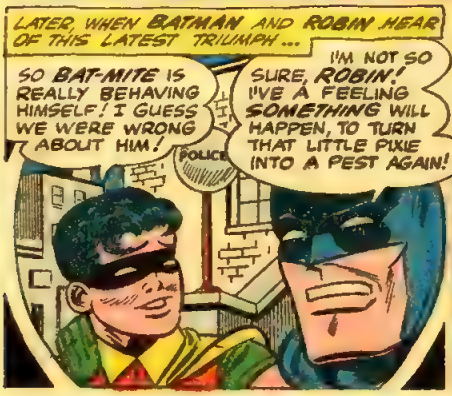
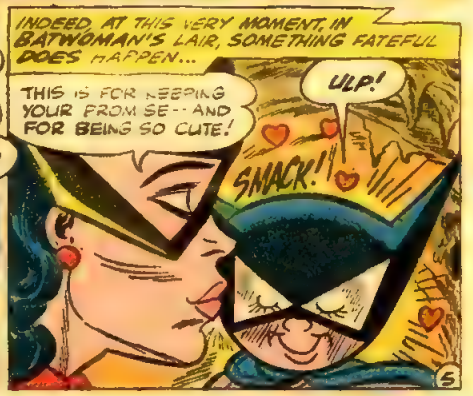
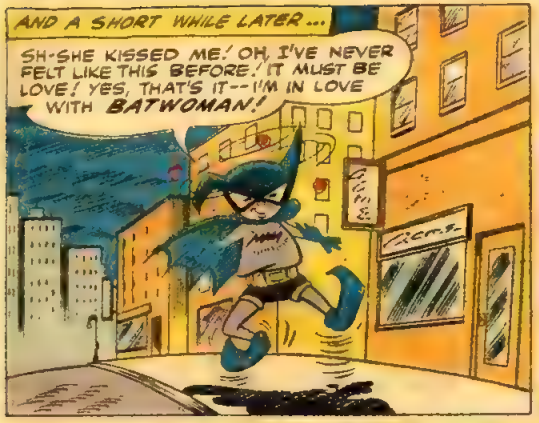

MOMENTS LATER, THE MOTORCYCLE, ITS TIRES REMOVED, BEGINS A FANTASTIC JOURNEY...
DON'T WORRY, PARTNER-- I'LL KEEP US BALANCED!
WONDERFUL! IT'S LIKE RIDING A SINGLE RAILROAD TRACK! THOSE CONVICTS ARE AS GOOD AS CAPTURED NOW!

AND NEXT EVENING, THE NEW TEAM AGAIN PROVES ITSELF A FORMIDABLE FOE OF CRIME...
ULP! IT'S BATWOMAN-- AND THAT LITTLE GUY WE READ ABOUT!
NO DAME WITH A LITTLE RUNT IS GONNA STOP US! GET 'EM!

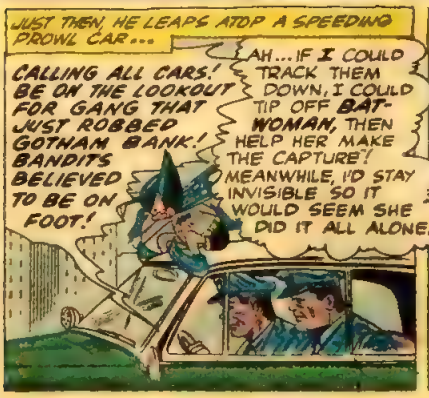

BUT BAT-MITE MERELY THRUSTS OUT HIS ARM-- AND HIS FIST INSTANTLY GROWS AND GROWS UNTIL ...
OOF!
UHH!
HA, HA!
YOU CAN PUT THE HANDCUFFS ON THEM NOW, PARTNER!

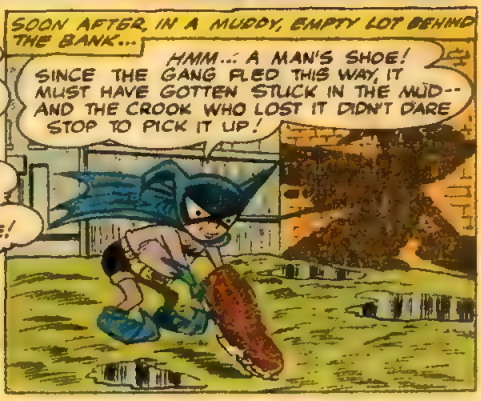

LATER, WHEN BATMAN AND ROBIN HEAR OF THIS LATEST TRIUMPH...
SO BAT-MITE IS REALLY BEHAVING HIMSELF! I GUESS WE WERE WRONG ABOUT HIM!
POLICE
I'M NOT SO SURE, ROBIN! I'VE A FEELING SOMETHING WILL HAPPEN, TO TURN THAT LITTLE PIXIE INTO A PEST AGAIN!


INDEED, AT THIS VERY MOMENT, IN BATWOMAN'S LAIR, SOMETHING FATEFUL DOES HAPPEN...
THIS IS FOR KEEPING YOUR PROMISE-- AND FOR BEING SO CUTE!
ULP!
SMACK!!

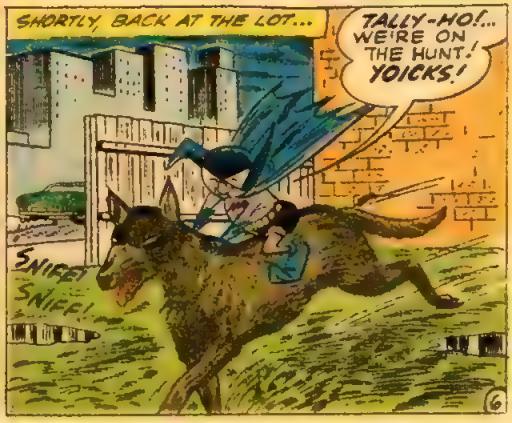

AND A SHORT WHILE LATER...
SH-SHE KISSED ME! OH, I'VE NEVER FELT LIKE THIS BEFORE! IT MUST BE LOVE! YES, THAT'S IT--I'M IN LOVE WITH BATWOMAN!

BUT WHAT CAN I DO TO PROVE MY LOVE? I KNOW... I'LL USE MY UNUSUAL POWERS TO MAKE HER THE MOST SENSATIONAL CRIME-FIGHTER OF ALL TIME! YES--I'M SURE BATWOMAN WOULD LIKE THAT!

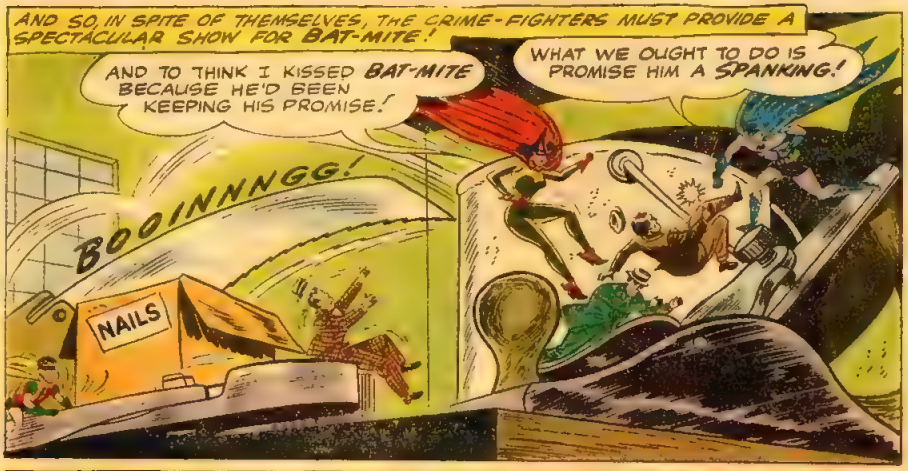

JUST THEN, HE LEAPS ATOP A SPEEDING PROWL CAR...
CALLING ALL CARS! BE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR GANG THAT JUST ROBBED GOTHAM BANK! BANDITS BELIEVED TO BE ON FOOT!
AH... IF I COULD TRACK THEM DOWN, I COULD TIP OFF BAT-WOMAN, THEN HELP HER MAKE THE CAPTURE! MEANWHILE, I'D STAY INVISIBLE SO IT WOULD SEEM SHE DID IT ALL ALONE!

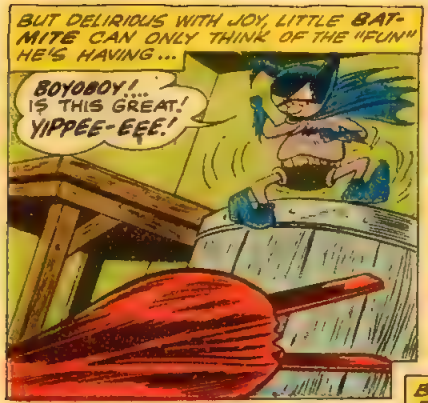

SOON AFTER, IN A MUDDY, EMPTY LOT BEHIND THE BANK...
HMM... A MAN'S SHOE! SINCE THE GANG FLED THIS WAY, IT MUST HAVE GOTTEN STUCK IN THE MUD--AND THE CROOK WHO LOST IT DIDN'T DARE STOP TO PICK IT UP!

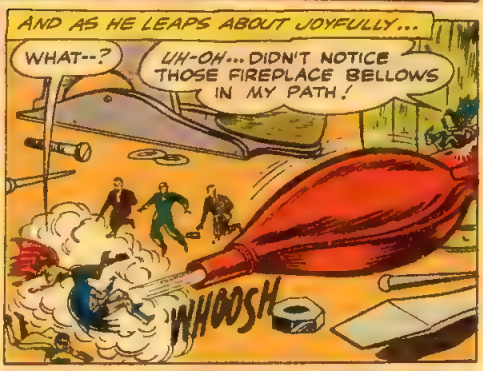
MOMENTS LATER, BAT-MITE POPS INTO THE BAT-CAVE, IN FRONT OF...
BAT-HOUND!... I NEED YOUR HELP TO BUILD UP BATWOMAN'S CAREER! I WANT YOU TO PICK UP THE SCENT OF SOME CROOKS!

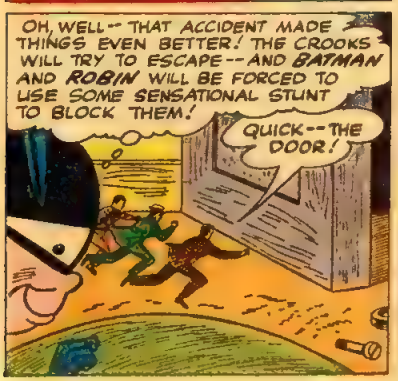

SHORTLY, BACK AT THE LOT...
TALLY-HO!... WE'RE ON THE HUNT! YOICKS!
SNIFF! SNIFF!

SOON...
AHA!... TRAIL'S END! THEY OBVIOUSLY USE THAT WARE-HOUSE AS A FRONT! I'LL PHONE BATWOMAN AND TELL HER TO GET HERE AT ONCE!
HARDWARE SU
BUT AFTERWARD, BATWOMAN FINDS SHE IS NOT ALONE, AS...
BATMAN AND ROBIN! YOU HERE, TOO?
WE PICKED UP A LEAD THAT BROUGHT US HERE! NOW THAT WE'RE TOGETHER -- WE MIGHT AS WELL FINISH THIS CASE TOGETHER!
THUS, IT'S A DISAPPOINTED BAT-MITE WHO WATCHES THE TRIO CRASH INTO THE HIDEOUT...
SHUCKS! WHO INVITED BATMAN AND ROBIN? NOW THE CROOKS WILL BE CAPTURED SO EASILY, THERE WON'T BE ANY CHANCE FOR SOME SPECTACULAR ACTION BY BATWOMAN -- UNLESS I DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT!
I KNOW I'M BREAKING MY PROMISE TO HER, BUT GOSH -- A FELLA'S GOT TO HAVE A LITTLE FUN! HMM... IF I MADE EVERY-ONE SMALL, THE HARDWARE WOULD BE BIG... SO BIG THAT THE CROOKS MIGHT TRY TO USE IT FOR COVER!
POP
AN INSTANT LATER -- THE INCREDIBLE HAPPENS...
HUH?... WH-WHAT HAPPENED TO US?
ONLY ONE PERSON COULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS... BAT-MITE! HE'S TRYING TO PROLONG THIS FIGHT BY MAKING THE HARDWARE BECOME OBSTACLES FOR US!


AND SO, IN SPITE OF THEMSELVES, THE CRIME-FIGHTERS MUST PROVIDE A SPECTACULAR SHOW FOR BAT-MITE!
AND TO THINK I KISSED BAT-MITE BECAUSE HE'D BEEN KEEPING HIS PROMISE!
WHAT WE OUGHT TO DO IS PROMISE HIM A SPANKING!
BOOINNNGG!
NAILS


BUT DELIRIOUS WITH JOY, LITTLE BAT-MITE CAN ONLY THINK OF THE "FUN" HE'S HAVING...
BOYOBOY!... IS THIS GREAT! YIPPEE-EEE!


AND AS HE LEAPS ABOUT JOYFULLY...
WHAT--?
UH-OH... DIDN'T NOTICE THOSE FIREPLACE BELLOWS IN MY PATH!
WHOOSH


OH, WELL-- THAT ACCIDENT MADE THINGS EVEN BETTER! THE CROOKS WILL TRY TO ESCAPE--AND BATMAN AND ROBIN WILL BE FORCED TO USE SOME SENSATIONAL STUNT TO BLOCK THEM!
QUICK--THE DOOR!

BUT SUDDENLY, A GIGANTIC FIGURE LOOMS BEFORE THE SHRUNKEN THIEVES...
Y!!!-!!!! BAT-HOUND!
SHUCKS!... AND TO THINK IT WAS I WHO BROUGHT BAT-HOUND HERE! HE'S SPOILED EVERYTHING BY BLOCKING THEM OFF!

MOUNTING THE GIANT DOG, BATMAN SWIFTLY TIES UP THE CASE...
ALL RIGHT, BAT-MITE, THE FUN'S OVER! YOU MIGHT AS WELL RESTORE US TO OUR NORMAL SIZE NOW!
AND AFTER THAT IS DONE...
COME HERE, LITTLE MAN--WE WANT TO HAVE A TALK WITH YOU!
AND HOW!
ER :GULP! I-I JUST REMEMBERED.. IT--IT'S TIME I WENT HOME!
S-SO LONG!
HA, HA! I GUESS HE WAS AFRAID WE'D KEEP OUR PROMISE TO SPANK HIM!
FUNNY, THOUGH... I JUST CAN'T STAY ANGRY WITH THAT CUTE LITTLE IMP! WHEN DO YOU SUPPOSE HE'LL RETURN AGAIN?
POP!
THE End
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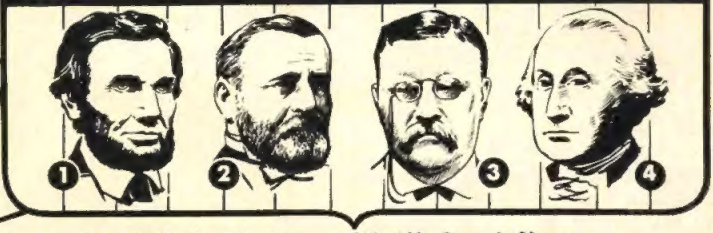

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